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SUBJECT: LEBANON AND INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

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1. KHADDAM, SHIHABI, AND JALIL ARE STILL IN BEIRUT AT LAST REPORT LATE AFTERNOON JAN. 22. ALL PARTIES REPORTEDLY HAVE AGREED ON CEASEFIRE AS OF ZULU 1800, WHICH NOW LESS THAN ONE HOUR AWAY. CEASEFIRE TO BE SUPERVISED BY JOINT LEBANESE/SYRIAN/PALESTINIAN COMMITTEE.

2. BASIS FOR CEASEFIRE IS COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL AGREEMENT HAMMERED OUT IN INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS JAN. 21 AND 22. CHRISTIAN SIDE MADE MAJOR CONCESSION IN ACCEPTING PRINCIPLE THAT POLITICAL ACCORD MUST PRECEDE CEASEFIRE. REPORTEDLY MOST OF POLITICAL REFORMS IN SYRIAN FIVE POINTS ARE PART OF AGREEMENT.

3. IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER CEASEFIRE WILL HOLD. ARMED MEN ARE STILL ON STREETS AND SOME SMALL ARMS FIRING AUDIBLE. A MODERATE CHRISTIAN SOURCE INVOLVED IN NETOTIATIONS TOLD US A FEW HOURS AGO THAT HE WAS VERY HOPEFUL, BUT THAT SOME GROUPS (UNSPECIFIED) WANTED TO SPOIL THE CEASEFIRE AND "WE ARE WORKING ON THIS". WE PRESUME HE WAS REFERRING TO CHRISTIAN HARDLINERS. SAME SOURCE TOLD US CHAMOUN WILL COOPERATE, THOUGH GRUDGINGLY. WE HAVE NO FIRM READING ON  
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4. WE BELIEVE SYRIANS ARE INDEED DETERMINED TO MAKE THIS CEASEFIRE STICK. IF EFFORT FAILS, WE UNABLE AT THIS STATE TO JUDGE SYRIAN

REACTION BUT GUESS THEY WOULD TRY AGAIN IF NEW ELEMENT SUCH AS FRENCH  
INITIATIVE WERE QUICKLY PUT IN PLAY, SUFFICIENTLY COORDINATED  
WITH SYRIA. MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON DEGREE TO WHICH DETERIORATION ON  
GROUND ACCOMPANYING SUCH FAILURE WOULD GET OUT OF ANYBODY'S CONTROL.  
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